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Rep. John Lewis Rated 23rd in Power in Congress

The website Congress.org rated the power and ability of members of Congress to be effective in 2007 and 2008. The organization gave each member a score based on position, influence, legislation and earmarks and then gave them a power score that ranked all the members in each chamber of Congress. Position was determined by tenure in Congress, committee assignments, and leadership position; Influence was related to actions taken in 2007 regarding an issue or bill; Legislation was related to success in the legislative process in 2007, passage of that member's legislation out of a House committee, floor passage, chamber passage, and signing into law. Earmarks was related to allocations to specific projects or programs, usually benefiting official's state or congressional district.

Rep. Lewis was rated 23rd in power in the House of Representatives out of 435 members, the highest among all the members of the Georgia Delegation. He was given this rating, according to Congress.org because of "his long tenure or years in office in Congress can provide clout," chairmanship of the House Ways and Means Subcommittee on Oversight, the quality of his committee assignments that reflect greater influence or longer tenure, successful passage of one or more bills out of the House or Senate, and his position in the Democratic leadership of the House as Senior Chief Deputy Whip, second in command to Majority Whip Jim Clyburn (D-SC).

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